## CURRENT COMMENT.

THE police of Moscow have discovered a Nihilist circular announcing that several Russian nobles will be put to death.

ELIZABETH MONAT, aged sixty years, was blown across the North Sea from and the Shetland Islands in a fishing smack recently. She was seven days without food or water.

THREE children in the family of

THE Utes are reported desirous of

gard to pensions, etc., can indorse the information enclosed but the law will from the Judiciary Committee, made a report not permit anything further than an in- on the matter in controversy as to furnis

on the matter in controversy as to furnishing document to be forwarded in official eavelopes.

The insane wife of Prof. Waldo, of Yale College, escaped from her keeper the other morning. Recitations in the college were suspended and students joined in the search, but without avail until after several hours, when she was seen to fall from a high projection.

She was found dead.

on the matter in controversy as to furnishing documents in regard to removals from office. Mr. Pugh announced that he wished to submit a minority report, and the matter went over. The bill granting the right of way through the indian Territory to the Kansas & Arkansas Valley railroad. The Education bill was then taken up, debate lasting until exceptive session, after which the Senate adjourned....In the House, after the expiration of the morning hour, the Fitz John Porter bill came up, and after another lengthy debate was passed by a vote of 172 to 112, and the House adjourned.

In the Senate on the 19th Mr. Manderson She was found dead.

It was stated in London that Mr. Gladstone was preparing a bill providing for the expropriation of land in Ireland by means of State funds. This bill will precede the other Irish measures which the Government intends to present to Parliament. The discussion of the home-rule question has been postnoned until next session. postponed until next session.

LORD DE VESCI, in reply to Mr Gladstone's communication in regard Utica, N. Y., on the 16th. The services to the wants and wishes of the Irish people, says he considers that the late parliamentary elections were fought on the land plank rather than on the question of self-government. He expresses the opinion that the idea of self-gov- prison, will soon establish his permanent ernment will vanish when the land question is settled. The Loyalists, he and England.

An inventory of the estate of the late ncott, the Philadely poblisher, places the value of deceased's personal property at \$3,599,113.45. The interest of deceased in the J. B. Lippincott Company is appraised at \$641,-600. The remainder of the personal estate is invested in railroad and other tation of the debt question reached in 1881 securities, including \$1.018.800 of Readsecurities, including \$1,018,800 of Reading railroad bonds, \$258,050 of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, \$120,000 of the United Railroads of New Jersey and \$168,000 of bonds and Senator Hawley, thanking him for the stocks of the Pennsylvania Railroad stand he has taken on the subject of inter-Company. Mr. Lippincott is also said national copyright. to have left upward of \$2,000,000 in

THE Journal de St. Petersburg in commenting on the Turko-Bulgarian agreement says that Prince Alexander has no right to place the Bulgarian army in subordination to Turkey. In infringes the treaty of Berlin. Such traffic on that line was resumed. action would be likely to rouse the slumbering passions of the East, and plunge the countries anew into fratricidal struggles. Russia, the writer continues, which delivered Bulgaria from the domination of the Porte, would not that only Daniel Series, of Putnam County, allow Prince Alexander to take this course. The determination of Russia may be forgotten at Sofia, but it will Coal Company, which supplies the Gulf, not be ignored elsewhere.

A RECENT dispatch from London tays: As the result of a statement that n well known baronet had assisted Hangman Berry in hanging the three Netherby burglars, Sir Claude De lying in the Thames mutinied the Crespigny in an interview admitted and expelled from the service. that he was the one alluded to. He that he might be prepared in case he they were engaged in erecting. absence of the hangman. He slept in the burning of the Ehle residence at Greenbush, will be paid April 1. the prison during the night, pinioned Wis., the other morning. There were susers Sir Claude a plucky individual who

JEAN LEBERSONG, a French cook, committed suicide in New York recently in a very peculiar manner. At night he went to his room-a little hall bed room—and locked the door. In the morring he was found lying in bed dead. He had attached the seven-foot long hose of a drop light in the room to a gas arm over the bed, passed it under himself and into his mouth from the other side. Then to make sure that no make sure that his mouth from the other side. Then to make sure that no gas should escape to prolong his struggles or delay his purpose, he had swathed his head in bandages, wrapping a sheet around his head, face and neck. Then he had turned on the gas. As the corpse rested on the bed it looked like a man smoking a long Turkish pipe. He left a letter stating that he was tired of life.

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The jury in the case of Chio Goom, the highbinder on trial in St. Louis, returned as the four men and a boy were attempting to cross the Susque-hanna, near Harrisburg, Pa., the boat capsized and the four men were drowned. The boy succeeded in clinging to the boat and was rescued two miles below.

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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL. In the Senate on the 15th Mr. Van Wyck, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported favorably the bill establishing two new land districts in Nebraska. Senator Hawley introduced a bill in regard to taxing Northern Pacific railroad lands. Several resolutions were adopted cailing on heads of departments for information. The Education bill was then considered until executive session, when the Senate adjourned... In the House Mr. Morrison introduced his Tariff Reduction bill. Mr. Hanback, of Kansas, introduced resolutions as to charges made by the papers in regard to telephone patents and raising a committee to invest gate, which was referred. A bill was introduced granting the widow of General Hancock a pension of \$5.000 per annum. Mr. Bland introduced a bill for the free coinage of silver. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Fits John Porter bill, and after debate adjourned. In the Senate on the 15th Mr. Van Wyck,

In the Senate on the 16th, after disposing existed among the factions. Leo Monsier, living near Winchester, of minor matters, the Educational bill was taken up and discussed at length, when O., were fatally poisoned recently by eating cake made with poisonous baking powder.

The comparative statements of the gross earnings of Western railroads for the month of January were reported not encouraging, and there was a marked falling off in the majority of cases.

taken up and discussed at length, when Senator Plumb's resolution calling on the Secretary of the Interior for the number and names of special agents or detectives, employed by his department was taken up, amended and adopted. Adjourned. In the House committees reported. Biand's Free Coinage bill was reported adversely, and the bill authorizing the President to raise two regiments of volunteer cavairy in New Mexico and Ar zona to suppress Indian hostilities was reported favorably. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Fitz John Porter bill, and after a long debate and control of the control of

In the Senate on the 17th a bill was introduced making an appropriation of \$250,selling their reservation in the Southern Colorado District to the Government and moving from the State. They have sent a delegation to Washington to see if a satisfactory treaty can be made.

The Attorney General has rendered a decision that members of Congress, in forwarding to their constituents, in penalty envelopes, information in regard to pensions, etc., can indorse the

In the Senate, on the 18th, Mr. Edmunds

In the Senate on the 19th Mr. Manderson offered a resolution of inquiry as to the kill-

### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE remains of ex-Governor Horatio Seymour were buried from Trinity Church,

ance lecturer, died at Frankford, Pa., on says, share in the Liberal desire to the 18th. He was born at Sandgate, Eng. assimilate the land system of Ireland August 22, 1817. He came to America in

pers-to become an American citizen at missing vessel or the crew. as City on the 18th.

GOVERNOR FITZHUGH LEE sent his first message to the Virginia Legislature on the 18th, treating entirely of the State debt question. The position he assumes is expressed in these words: "The people of Virginia, after a long and acrimo ceived the sanction of both political ties of the State. From the position thus taken the people will not recede."

LORD TENNYSON has sent a cablegram to

SENATOR VEST was reported quite sick at Washington. He over-exerted himself in States. the recent discussion on the Dakota bill.

### MISCELLANEOUS. THE Union passenger depot at Dalton, Ga., burned the other night. The loss was beavy.

THE Fourth Avenue Street Car Company of New York, acceded to the demands of proposing to do this Prince Alexander its men after a strike the other day and

THE small-pox pleague at Montreal was the cause of 4,500 deaths. Ox the Ohio Central railroad, near Point

Pleasant, W. Va., a passenger train was wrecked on a trestle. Alarming loss of life was at first reported, but later it was found W. Va., was killed, though eight others were injured, one seriously. THE coal wheelers of the Grand Lake

Colorado & Santa Fe railroad with coal which is transported to Galveston in barges and also furnishes coal to the Morgan steamers, struck work at New Orleans or the 17th. They had been receiving 25 and 30 cents per hour and demanded 40 cents. CADETS on a British naval training ship

day. Seven of the mutineers were flogged SEVERAL workmen were killed and insaid that as he would probably be sheriff jured at Liverpool, Eng., recently, by the he desired to gain experience, in order fall of part of the exhibition building which

loss of life

to take a lively interest in his chosen calling.

one Austrian men-of-war have joined the British squadron in Sunda bay. The Duke of Edinburgh commands the fleet. The Greek Admiral, it was reported, would not fight if threatened, but would merely exchange shots and then haul down his flag.

Connecticut lost over \$1,000,000 by the party of nineteen armed and disguised more lighters.

recent floods. SINON LOCE, a banker of Soleure, Switz-

Tue trial of the Rev. Denias Dowe, at Teaseb, Mich., charged with lying and fraudulently obtaining his ordination as a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, resulted in his expulsion from the ministry

and membership of the church. A THREE-EIGHTH inch cartridge of dynamite and giant powder was found the other night near the cigar factory of Brown & Earl, New York, where the cigarmakers

were on a strike. THREE masked highwaymen recently enered the office of the station of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad at Montvale Tex., and at the point of a pistol, compelled

THE Bundesrath has voted unanimously in favor of Prince Bismarck's Special Mon-

THE Polish Catholic Church at Toledo, O., in which so much trouble existed, was burned to the ground the other evening. There was no doubt the fire was incendiary One arrest was made and much excitement

THOMAS BRIGHAM and James Bowen, contenced in the District Court at Salt Lake to six months' imprisonment and to pay fines of \$300 each.

Eight sheep herders on the Solomon Luna ranch, Valencia County, N. M. were recently killed in a fight with Apaches.

THE Bank of England has reduced its rate of discount from 3 per cent. to 2 per THE cases of three more of the Polish

prisoners, on trial at Toledo, O., for complicity in the church riot of last summer. were concluded on the 18th, all being found EARLY the other morning a body of masked men compelled the Chinese, numbering forty-four, to leave Nicolaus, Cal.

They were put on board the steamer D. E. Knight, and notwithstanding the protest

of the captain of the vessel, he was forced to take them as passengers to Sacramento. The transcontinental war opened up on the 18th with a cut on San Francisco passenger rates, the Union Pacific cutting the first-class rate from Kansas City to San Francisco from \$90 to \$60; first-class limited, from \$84 to \$50; second-class from \$75 to \$25-\$30 below the emigrant rate. The

THE Portuguese ministry has resigned. The King has summoned the Progressionists to form a new cabinet.

Santa Fe also made a cut.

SENATOR MORRILL, from the Committee on Finance, has reported favorably Sena-tor Butler's bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to deliver upon satisfac tory proof of ownership to the claimants hereof, the silverware, jewelry and other property deposited in the Treasury by the Secretary of War in June, 1869, as property captured by the United States army during

THE House Committee on Post-offices and Post-roads has agreed to report adversely struction of telegraph lines by the Government.

THE Ohio Legislature has passed a bill reating non-partisan boards of election in Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland and Colum

THE United States Steamer Galena has aptured the steamer City of Mexico, fitted out at New York for a filibustering expedition against Honduras.

By the breaking of a truck a locomotive and four cars of a freight train on the Cairo, Vincennes & Chicago line were derailed eighty-seven miles north of Marshall, Ill. Fireman James Summers was crushed to death beneath the locomotive and Brakeman Toodlow buried under a car

load of scrap iron. SEVENTY-FIVE Mermon converts from Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina and East Tennessee left Chattanooga, Tenn., the other night for Utah. They were converted by Mormon elders who are at work throughout the South, and these will be followed by as many more within the next two or three weeks. Nearly 300 elders are at work in different Southern

## ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

CLEARING bouse returns for week ended February 20 showed an average increase of 40.3 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the in-

THERE bundred girls employed in the ironing department of Miller, Hall & Hartwell's collar shop, Troy, N. Y., struck the other day because the proprietors refused to discontinue the use of objectionable machinery. The girls recently joined the Knights of Labor.

By a fire damp explosion in a coal mine at Almy, Wyoming, recently, fifteen men were injured but no one was killed.

Judge Zane, of Utah, has decided that wives may testify against husbands under the Utah statute, which compels wives to testify as to injuries inflicted by their hus-

A DESTRUCTIVE fire occurred at Wilmington, N. C., on the 21st. The fire originated on the river steamer Bladen, cotton laden which set fire to the wharf and sheds of the Clyde line of steamers. A high wind was blowing at the time, and the fire spread rapidly, sweeping away the business houses on Water street for three blocks, and many valuable residences on First and Second streets. The loss was estimated at \$1,500,-

000; insurance not ascertained. THE Secretary of the Treasury has issued a call for \$10,000,000 of 3 per cent. bonds,

one of the culprits himself and generally assisted Berry. The latter considerable assisted Berry assis assisted Berry assisted Berry assisted Berry assisted Berry ass Two German, one French, one Italian and of many stores and dwelling bouses on the

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## KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Kansas Legislature. THE Senate on the 13th occupied the whole of the morning session debating the bill relating to probate judges, which fixes their compensation on druggists' sales of bill relating to probate judges, which fixes their compensation on druggists' sales of liquor. In the afternoon a substitute for the bill was adopted which abolishes the tax on applications and cuts off the large revenue to probate judges. After further debate the bill finally passed by a vote of 24 to 13. The bill known as the Rock Island bill was then amended and passed. In the House the county lines question was the occasion of much debate which consumed the morning. The same squabble followed in the afternoon, when the House finally got into Committee of the Whole on general orders and continued in committee until six o'clock. When the committee rose the bill increasing the salary of the Attorney General was ordered to third reading subject to debate. Adjourned.

THE Senate on the 15th receded from its amendment to the Legislative Appropriation bill cutting off mileage to office bill cutting off mileage to officers. It also refused to advance the Woman Suffrage bill on the calendar. The Legislative Apportionment bill was advanced to the head of the calendar, and finally taken up for consideration, during which the bill went along smoothly until Leavenworth County was reached, when a break occurred by which that county lost one representative. Pending consideration the Senate adjourned... In Committee of the Whole the House passed upon several bills. In the afternoon a large number of local bills passed, and the evening session was taken up in considering bills in Committee of the Whole. Adjourned.

Is the Senate on the 16th the resolution passed asking Congress to enlarge the Soldiers Home at Leavenworth, also favor-Soldiers Home at Leavenworth, also favoring an appropriation by Congress of 440,000 to aid in making the Kansas river navigable. Then the tug of war commenced on the Apportionment bill and continued until adjournment, with no final result.... In the House Mr. Finch, from a special committee, reported a bill amending the live-stock law. It abolishes the office of Veterinary Surgeon, but retains the Commission, whose powers are restricted. The afternoon session was devoted to the passage of local bills, twenty-eight passing upon third reading. Adjourned.

In the Senate on the 17th the House Apportionment bill as amended, by taking one representative from Leavenworth Counone representative from Leavenworth County and adding one to Linn, was passed by a vote of 19 to 18. The House bill making May 30 a legal holiday passed, also a bill supplemental to the bill consolidating cities. The time for final adjournment was extended to Saturday, the 20th. At the evening session the bill to provide facilities for the department of pharmacy in the State University passed.... In the House the time for final adjournment was extended to Saturday noon. Among the bills passed was the bill increasing the saiary of the Attorney General and a grist of local bills. The House refused to concur in the Apportionment bill and it was sent to a conference committee. Adjourned.

In the Senate on the 18th, but little was done of general interest. Many local bills passed. Also the bill increasing the bills passed. Also the bill increasing the salary of county superintendents. Also the bilt to establish boards of arbitration, and the bill to establish boards of arbitration, and the bill increasing the salary of the Attorney-General... In the House the report of the joint committee to investigate expenditures on the east wing of the capitol was presented. [The report sustains the charges against the State House Commissioners and architect, and protests against the policy of making appropriations before estimates are made, and closes by recommending the dismissal of the present commissioners, architect and assistant.] The resolution appropriating 25,000 to secure the G. A. H. encampment in Kansas in 1887, was adopted. The bill permitting railroads to collect fare in excess of three cents per mile when tickets are not purchased, passed. The Senate house refusing to concur a conference committee was appointed. Many bill passed, but mostly local in their nature. Adjourned.

The Senate on the 19th passed the following bills: To punish malicious mischief; to

ing bilis: To punish malicious mischief; to punish pickpockets; amending the act relat-Seymour were buried from Trinity Church, Utica, N. Y., on the 16th. The services were conducted by Bishop Huntington, Governor Hill delivered an address when the remains were laid in Forest Hill cemetery.

It is stated that Prince Krapotkine, who was recently released from Clairvoux prison, will soon establish his permanent residence in England.

John B. Gotton, the well known temperance lecturer, died at Frankford, Pa., on the 18th. He was born at Sandgate, Eng., August 22, 1817. He came to America in 1829.

Chang, the Chinese giant, took out his "intentions"—the first naturalization papers—to become an American citizen at Kansas City on the 18th.

Business failures for the seven days ended February 18 numbered: For the United States, 251; for Canada, 35; a total of 286 as compared with 275 the week previous.

As an outcome of the controversy between Bishop Robertson and Rev. Father Betts, of Trinity Episcopal Church of St. Louis, the latter tendered his resignation of the rectorship of Trinity Church.

The United States revenue cutter Richard Rush, which left San Francisco January 2 for the Behring sea in search of the missing whaler Amethyst and crew point of the committee on the Apportionmentfoll was adopted, Also a resolution requesting the act relating to weights and measures; to punish deception in the sale of fruit; to prevent the spread of disease among swine; to prevent degrations of the controversy between Bishop Robertson and Rev. Father Betts, of Trinity Episcopal Church of St. Louis, the latter tendered his resignation of the rectorship of Trinity Church.

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### ous appropriation bill was passed, and the House adjourned. Miscellaneous

C. H. Young was arraigned at Leavenworth the other day and committed to jail to await the result of injuries inflicted by him on Robert B. Gray in a saloon the night before. Young struck Gray with a pair of bruckles, inflicting a wound which it was thought would prove fatal.

A St. John County druggist went home recently under the influence of liquor. and soon after entering his house a pistol shot was beard. Neighbors saw him hurrying away and went to learn the cause hen they saw Mrs. Fellows lying dead, having been shot by her husband. They had been married but a short time, and the theory was that his wife upbraided him for getting drunk and he shot her. The murderer fled, but officers were in close pur-

THE following Kansas postmasters were recently confirmed by the Senate: George M. Ufford, at Wakeeny; Martin N. Sinnott at Arkansas City; George W. Sain, at Mc-Pherson; Clement Philbrick, at Halstead; Walter W. McGrew, at Eureka; Thomas W. Love, at Wellington; J. G. Johnson, at Peabody; Robert W. Hill, at Jewell; Charles Hardcastle, at Marion; Gottlieb Christ, at Sabetha; John R. Brunt, at Osage Mission; Othrel Beeson, at Caldwell; James P. Alcorn, at Kinsley, and E. R. De

bray, at Clyde. LATEST post-office changes in Kansas: Established, Brown, Ford County, Thomas J. Vanderslice, postmaster; Bonasa, Wichita County, George W. Blackburn, postmaster; Walnut Grove, Mitchell County, William H. Noah, postmaster. Discontinued, Raceburg, Rooks County. Name changed, Holden, Butler County, to Brain-

THE voting of railroad bonds is again becoming lively.

PREPARE for spring. Surr has been brought in the Supreme Court to set aside the organization of Meade Center as a city of the third class. One of the grounds alleged is that, of the eighty-three persons who signed the petition asking the organization of Meade Center, only twenty-six were citizens of that

ALF BRANWELL was recently arrested at Detroit, Mich., and returned to Atchison sining over \$1,200 upon a forged bill of lading. Bramwell, before his fall, had been a newspaper reporter in Kansas City and other places. He couldn't bear pros-

Ir is said that County Attorney Wheat of Leavenworth, has resigned.

In accordance with an act of the Legisla ture, passed February 12, withdrawing from the market for three years all school lands in unorganised counties, the Attorney-General has declared off all sales of school lands that have been advertised prior to the passage of said act which were to be sold within the next thirty days.

THE merchants of Leavenworth comp of the course pursued by the Union Pacific in allowing the accommodation train, which is due there at twelve o'clock, to be held at the penitentiary while the engine is switching coal.

It is said that the Rock Island is negotiating for the purchase of the Kansas Central and will extend it to Denver. CAPITOL EXPENDITURES.

What a Special Committee of the Legislature Says About Extravagance in the

Use of Public Funds The Legislature having instructed the committee on State Affairs in the two Houses to examine into alleged irregularities in the expenditure of the \$75,000 appropriated for repairing the east wing of the Capitol, that committee reported to the Legislature, from which the following expenditure to the legislature.

propriated for repairing the east wing of the Capitol, that committee reported to the Legislature, from which the following extracts are taken:

"Early during the last session of the Legislature a resolution was adopted, requesting the board of State House Commissioners to cause to be prepared plans for remodeling the Senate chamber, and an estimate of the cost thereof, and report the same to the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Meant to enable that committee to report an appropriation to carry the same into effect. At this time the board was composed of J. B. Anderson, John Hammond and — Hood, and E. T. Carr was State architect. General Anderson, who had been a member of the board since the organization, in 1858, resigned in May, 1886, his place being filled by Mr. Carr, who resigned the position of architect, at \$125 per month. to accept that of commissioner at \$20 per month. Thomas Butler was appointed commissioner in March 1888, to succeed Mr. Hood, whose term had expired, and the board then and since, during the entire progress of the work has been, and now is composed of Mr. Carr. Mr. Hammond and Mr. Butler. Messrs. Haskell & Wood having prior to the resignation of Mr. Carr, performed the assistant supervisory and architectural services, at a salary of \$250 per month, were upon his resignation, appointed as a firm to the office of State architect; but finding some difficulties in drawing the necessary amount of salary, the firm resigned, and Mr. Haskell wis appointed State architect, at a salary of \$250 per month, by law, and his partner, Mr. Wood, was appointed to do the assistant surferior than a supervisory services, at a salary of \$250 per month, fixed by the board of since which time the State has been, and is now, paying \$55 per month, fixed by the board of since which time the State has been, and is now, paying \$55 per month, by law, and his partner, Mr. Wood, was appointed to do the assistant paying \$15 per month for architectural and supervisory services, besides paying \$15 per month to a su

plete the work. The excuses made for this, are that it was necessary to put in additional fron trusses to support the ceiling, at a cost of \$13,30, and new boilers for the heating apparatus, at a cost of \$2,184, which were not known to be necessary at the time the estimate was made; and that they, the architects as well as the board, supposed that the Senate wanted a better room than the House; and that if the Senate chamber was finished in the same style as the west wing, it would not be in keeping with the growth and progress of the State. We do not think the excuses sufficient. This increased expenditure caused by these items amounts to but \$12,50. General Anderson testifies that the sum of \$3,655 was put into the estimate for renewing the steam cient. This increased expenditure caused by these items amounts to but \$12.50. General Anderson testifies that the sum of \$3.65 was put into the estimate for renewing the steam heating apparatus, which reduces the amount of expense not in the estimate to less than \$9.00. and the expenditure of \$4.00 of that sum was caused by not letting the front russ contract to the lowest bidder; and as to the style and expense of the finish which should have been adopted, the board of Commissioners and the architects had no right to gainsay the wistes and commands of the Legislature. The board of State House Commissioners met once a month-and in one or two cases oftenerwent through a routine of business, allowed the billis that were recommended by the architects, and went home—rurely staying more than one day, and frequently less—for which they were paid by law \$50 per month-in reality about \$50 per day. Instead of giving the work such personal supervision as the best interest of the State required, and as the law makes it their dury to do, they gave it no personal supervision, allowed it to take care of itself, furned it over entirely to the architects; allowed them to run it without let or hindrance; on their recommendation allowed filegal claims amounting to hundreds of dollars, and seemed in all things to forget, or neglect, the duties and responsibilities which the law devolved upon them as sworn officers of the State.

The committee theu refers to favoritism in the letting of the contract for the from which, to say the least, appeared suspicious, and adds: "The board allowed work to be done and material to be furnished amounting to thousands of dollars, without any written contract, the person doing the same presenting his pay rolls and bills, on which he was allowed by the board pay for his own services, and for all expenses as reported by him, and in addition therefor, ten per cent as a perquisite. \*\* \*\* As for the architects, in the maters of excepting the appropriation, letting of contracts to other than the lowest

ite. \* \* \* As for the architects, in the matters of exceeding the appropriation, letting of contracts to other than the lowest bidder, payment of filegal claims, we find them to be equally blame-worthy with the board, as in all these matters they advised the action that was taken, and were able advocates of the adoptions of the pians that they well knew would require an expenditure far beyond the amount appropriated. The Senate chamber is in many respects well planned, beautiful and artistic in design, in material and in workmanship, and in other respects the plan is bad, the material faulty, and the workmanship poor."

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Here follows a criticism on the character of the work and designs in the Senate chamber, and defects, which should never have been permitted, but having been done under the eyes of the srchitects, the most that can be expected will be an "attempt to patch, or cover up the most glaring defects, leaving the others to be criticised and condemned for all time." The committee protests "against the system that has been pursued in this State of appropriating money to be expended in building, before full plans, specifications, and estimates are prepared and approved." The report concludes:

"We recommend that the present board of State House Commissioners, the State architect and assistant architect to be at once removed from office. That when a new board is appointed, it shall in addition to its duties as now prescribed by law, cause to be prepared full plans and specifications for the construction and completion of the central building of the State House, with careful estimates of the cost thereof, and have the same ready to submit to the next session of the Legislature."

The report is signed by W. W. Smith, L. C.

ready to submit to the next.

Legislature."

The report is signed by W. W. Smith, L. C. Wasson, L. D. Young, E. J. Donnell and C. H. Kimbail, on the part of the Senate, and C. H. Lewis, H. A. Miller, W. A. Lower, George M. Kreger, Thomas J. Matlock, J. Ware Butterfield, W. H. McBride and J. R. Spiers, on the part of the House.

He Was a Prophet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Prof. Devoe, of Hackensack, who came to Washington to wrestle with the weather problem, has been thrown in the first round. The professor on thrown in the first round. The professor on Friday week last announced the gloomiest weather imaginable to prevail until the 17th, when the climax would be reached in a heavy fall of snow. The minute the professor announced gloomy weather the skies cleared, and the sun and moon took turns making Washington life thoroughly enjoyable. able. The professor will probably his rural retreat to evolve another infallible system of weather prophecy.

-First Boston tourist (amateur) to Southern hotel clerk—"I say, can't you put me in a front room first floor?" Hotel clerk-"No. Only room left is on fourth floor, rear." Second Boston tourist (professional) to Southern hotel clerk—"Why, Colonel, howdy-do. How's the lady and little ones—well? Glad to hear it. Come join in a 'nip' -ah, by the way, mark me a room and send my traps up." Hotel clerk to assistant—"Mark Major Brown, of Boston, to No. 2, first floor."—Macon Tele-" Hotel clerk to as-

-Boston policemen make impressive remarks, which find their way into print, to the edification of the public. A friend writes this of one of our own: "I walked with a New York policeman along a block, discussing the wicked-ness of the great city. His Johnsonian English soon took my ear. He con-cluded the discussion with: The trouble of it is, you see, this city is the entrypott of a conglomerated lot of heterogeneous cosmopolitans.'"—Boston Globe.

-"A man who is fit for a good hus-band and a woman who is fit to be a good wife," says a late writer, "are also fit for Heaven."

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